IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Withdrawn): A method for enabling a user of a portable electronic device to communicate with a user of an office-based terminal by voice, comprising the steps of:

(a)   receiving a text email message;

(b)   parsing the name of an intended recipient;

(c)   determining if the intended recipient is an authorized user;

(d)   if the intended recipient is authorized, assigning a message-specific indicia to the message;

(e)   if the intended recipient is authorized, appending a reply notice with the message-specific indicia to the message;

(f)   if the reply notice is appended, saving the email message with the reply notice appended thereto; and

(g)   if the intended recipient is authorized, transmitting the email message with the reply notice to the intended recipient.

Claim 2 (Withdrawn): The method for enabling a user of a portable electronic device to communicate with a user of an office-based terminal by voice according to claim 1, further comprising the step of rejecting the email message if the intended recipient is not authorized.

Claim 3 (Withdrawn): A method for enabling a user of a portable electronic device to communicate with a user of an office-based terminal by voice, comprising the steps of:

(a)   extracting message header information from a received text email message;

(b)   dividing the message header information into components thereof;

(c)   analyzing the components of the message header;

(d)   assigning a message-specific indicia to the message;

(e)   appending a reply notice comprising an instruction to the user of the portable electronic device that in order to reply to the text email by phone the user of the portable electronic device must initiate a telephone call to a selected phone number and enter the assigned message-specific indicia;

(f)   saving the email message with the reply notice appended thereto; and

(g)   transmitting the email message with the reply notice to the user of the portable electronic device.

Claim 4 (Withdrawn): The method for enabling a user of a portable electronic device to communicate with a user of an office-based terminal by voice according to claim 3, further comprising the step of determining whether the name and email address of the sender of the email message are recorded in an address list, and, if not, entering the name and address thereof.

Claim 5 (Withdrawn): The method for enabling a user of a portable electronic device to communicate with a user of an office-based terminal by voice according to claim 4, further comprising the step of determining whether the name and email address of the sender of the email message are recorded in an address list, and, if not, entering the name and address thereof.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A method for enabling a portable electronic device to communicate with an enterprise terminal, comprising:

receiving a call in an email server of the enterprise from the portable electronic device;

determining if the [[the]] portable electronic device is registered in the email server of the enterprise;

obtaining, at the email server, a pre-assigned message identifier from the portable electronic device, the message identifier assigned to an e-mail message received by the portable electronic device from the email server, the identifier corresponding to an author of the received email;

authenticating the message identifier at the email server of the enterprise;

requesting a recording of a voice message from the user of the portable electronic device as a reply to the email message;

recording the voice message at the email server; and

transmitting the voice message to the enterprise terminal.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The method for enabling a portable electronic device to communicate with an enterprise terminal according to claim 6, further comprising:

converting the recorded voice message into a format adapted for attachment to an electronic message.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The method for enabling a portable electronic device to communicate with an enterprise terminal according to claim 6, further comprising:

playing an error message and terminating communication with the e-mail server if the device is not registered in the email server.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The method for enabling a portable electronic device to communicate with an enterprise terminal by voice according to claim 6, further comprising:

determining if the recorded message is acceptable; and

recording the message again if the previously recorded message is not acceptable.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A method for enabling a portable electronic device to communicate with an enterprise terminal, comprising the steps of:

receiving a call in an email server of the enterprise from the portable electronic device;

determining if the portable electronic device is registered in the email server;

obtaining, at the email server, a pre-assigned message identifier from the portable electronic device, the message identifier assigned to an email message received by the portable electronic device from the email server, the identifier corresponding to an author of the received email;

authenticating the message identifier at the email server of the enterprise;

requesting a recording of a voice message from the user of the portable electronic device as a reply to the email message;

recording the voice message at the email server;

converting the recorded voice message into MP-3 format; and

transmitting the converted voice message to the user of the office enterprise terminal.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The method for enabling a portable electronic device to communicate with a terminal according to claim 6, further comprising:

identifying a user of the portable electronic device by using a Caller ID service.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The method for enabling a portable electronic device to communicate with a an enterprise terminal according to claim 6, further comprising:

prompting, if a Caller ID service is not operating, a user of the portable electronic device to enter a personal identification number ("PIN"); and

authenticating the PIN to determine whether the PIN is valid.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The method for enabling a portable electronic device to communicate with an enterprise terminal according to claim 6, wherein the pre-assigned message identifier allows transmission of the voice message to the enterprise terminal.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The method for enabling a portable electronic device to communicate with an enterprise terminal according to claim 10, further comprising identifying a user of the device by using a Caller ID service.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The method for enabling a portable electronic device to communicate with an enterprise terminal according to claim 10, further comprising:

prompting, if a Caller ID service is not operating, a user of the portable electronic device to enter a PIN; and

authenticating the PIN to determine whether the PIN is valid.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The method for enabling a portable electronic device to communicate with an enterprise terminal according to claim 10, wherein the pre-assigned message identifier allows transmission of the voice message to the terminal.